

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-60. (Cancelled)

61. (Currently Amended) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 73, wherein the mobile electronic communication device is configured to receive messages of two or more types, wherein the processor unit is configured to cause the virtual-light unit to manifest a further appearance of outputting the light with modulation that depends on the received message's type.

62. (Previously Presented) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 73, wherein each selected virtual light source manifesting the appearance of being illuminated is associated with a contact, and each message is received from the associated contact.

63. (Previously Presented) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 62, wherein the processor unit is configured to cause another virtual light source to simultaneously manifest another appearance of being illuminated to indicate that a message has been received from a contact associated with the other virtual light source.

64. (Previously Presented) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 73, wherein the processor unit is configured to cause the virtual light unit to manifest a further appearance of outputting of light with modulation that depends on an age of a message received by the mobile electronic communication device.

65. (Previously Presented) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 64, wherein the manifested modulated light has a manifested color that depends on the relative age of a received message.

66. (Previously Presented) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 64, wherein the manifested modulated light has a manifested blinking rate that indicates a number of unread messages received from a contact.

67. (Original) The mobile electronic communication device in claim 64, wherein the message is a most recent message received from a contact.

68. (Original) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 67, wherein the message is an unread message received from the contact.

69. (Original) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 64, wherein the relative age is indicated using a plurality of predetermined age categories.

70. (Previously Presented) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 69, wherein each age category of the plurality of age categories is represented by a predetermined color of light manifested by the virtual light unit.

71. (Previously Presented) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 69, wherein each age category of the plurality of age categories is represented by a predetermined number of light flashes within a cycle manifested by the virtual light unit.

72. (Original) The mobile electronic communication device of claim 61, wherein the message is a SMS message.

73. (Currently Amended) A mobile electronic communication device comprising:
a transceiver;
a touch-screen display; and
a processor unit coupled to the transceiver and touch-screen display, wherein the processor unit is configured to ~~emulate causing of a light unit to light a selected one of a plurality of light sources to indicate receipt of a message from a source by rendering cause~~ a virtual light

unit to light a selected one of having a plurality of virtual light sources on the touch-screen display to indicate receipt of a message from a source, with a selected one of the virtual light sources manifesting an appearance of being illuminated, wherein the source of the message being one of a plurality of sources, at least two of the plurality of sources being correspondingly associated with at least two of the plurality of virtual light sources.

74.-79. (Cancelled)